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**Project Manager:** Miranda Wentz



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January 24, 2023

Jason Kauffman, Stormwater Coordinator  
City of Goshen  
204 E Jefferson Street  
Goshen, IN 46528

Re: Subcontract Approval  
FFY 2022 Section 205j Project  
EDS# A305-68996

Dear Mr. Kauffman:

This is our approval of the subcontract with Arion Consultants Inc. to oversee and carryout the administrative and collaborative efforts of the Lower Elkhart River Watershed Management Planning Project. Please note that the subcontract for the Section 319 project must not exceed the term of the grant agreement between the City of Goshen and IDEM.

This subcontract was reviewed only for consistency with the scope of services, budget, and time frame of the grant agreement. This was not meant in any way to be a legal review. Your office is responsible for obtaining any legal review that you consider necessary.

Please forward a final signed copy of the subcontract to this Office. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact your Project Manager, Kristi Todd, at (317) 308-3376.

Sincerely,

Melissa Cooper  
NPS Senior Project Manager  
Watershed Planning and Restoration Section  
Office of Water Quality



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2/13/23

Jason Kauffman, Grant Coordinator  
City of Goshen  
204 E. Jefferson Street  
Goshen, IN 46258

Re: QAPP Approval  
FFY 2022 Section 319 Project  
SCM# 68996

Dear Mr. Kauffman:

This letter is to inform you that the Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for the Lower Elkhart River Watershed has been approved by our office. The signature page is enclosed for your records.

Thank you for your interest in furthering Indiana's nonpoint source pollution goals by facilitating water quality monitoring efforts in your watershed. We appreciate your work and anticipate that much good will come from your efforts. Please remember to address quality assurance (QA) activities as required by the QAPP in the Quarterly Progress Reports for your project. If you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance, do not hesitate to contact your Project Manager, Kristi Todd, at (317) 308-3376 or your QA Reviewer, JD Sparks, at (317) 308-3178.

Sincerely,

Angela Brown, Chief  
Watershed Planning and Restoration Section  
Office of Water Quality

Enclosure

cc: Sara Peel, Project Coordinator and Reuben Goforth, Biology and habitat lead  
Arion Consultants, Inc.



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February 21, 2023

Jason Kauffman  
City of Goshen  
204 E Jefferson Street  
Goshen, IN 46528

Re: Change in Project Scope  
FFY 2022 Section 205j Project  
SCM# 68996

Dear Mr. Kauffman:

This is to inform you that your request dated February 17, 2023, for a minor change in scope to Task B for removing the requirement to complete a QAPP for the volunteer monitoring program in the project entitled Lower Elkhart River WMP Development is approved.

If you have any questions about this letter, please do not hesitate to call your Project Manager, Kristi Todd, at (317) 308-3376.

Sincerely,

Angela Brown, Chief  
Watershed Planning and Restoration Section  
Office of Water Quality

cc: Sara Peel, Arion Consultants  
Nancy Brown, ERRA  
Melissa Cooper, IDEM



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January 7, 2025

Jason Kauffman  
City of Goshen  
204 E. Jefferson Street  
Goshen, IN 46528

Re: WMP Approval  
FFY 2022 Section 319 Project  
SCM# 68996

Dear Mr. Kauffman:

The final Lower Elkhart River Watershed Management Plan (WMP), dated December 23, 2024, has been reviewed by IDEM's Watershed Assessment and Planning Branch staff. We agree that the WMP meets both the 2009 and 2024 *Indiana Watershed Management Plan Checklist* and, as a result, U.S. EPA's Nine Elements of Watershed Plans. We applaud the efforts of the City of Goshen and the many citizens and staff involved in putting this plan together. It is watershed-based planning by local citizens and groups such as yours that facilitates watershed restoration and protection and improves water quality in our watersheds.

Thank you for your planning efforts in the Lower Elkhart River watershed. We look forward to working with you to implement this Plan. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact your Project Manager, Miranda Wentz, at (317) 308-3265.

Sincerely,

Caleb Rennaker, Chief  
Watershed Planning and Restoration Section  
Office of Water Quality

cc: Sara Peel, Arion Consultants  
Stephen Feely, U.S. EPA  
Tim Neher, IDEM  
Miranda Wentz, IDEM



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Mike Braun, Governor

January 29, 2025

Jason Kauffman  
City of Goshen  
204 E. Jefferson Street  
Goshen, IN 46528

Re: Project Closeout  
FFY 2022 Section 205(j) Project  
SCM# 68996

Dear Mr. Kauffman:

Congratulations on completing the project entitled Lower Elkhart River Watershed Management Plan. We have received and reviewed the Final Report for this project. Your efforts to develop a Watershed Management Plan, conduct water quality monitoring and a watershed inventory, and develop a focused education and outreach program have been successful.

This Section 205(j) grant project is now closed and your final invoice is being processed. Again, thank you for your efforts to develop a Watershed Management Plan in the Lower Elkhart River Watershed. We look forward to working with you on future projects. If you have any questions about this letter or your grant project, please contact your Project Manager, Miranda Wentz, at (317) 308-3265.

Sincerely,

Caleb Rennaker, Chief  
Watershed Planning and Restoration Section  
Office of Water Quality

cc: Sara Peel, Arion Consultants  
Caleb Rennaker, IDEM  
Tim Neher, IDEM  
Jon Fonacier, IDEM  
Samantha Whitaker, IDEM

